MARCH 11th 9.15 p.m. MARCH 12th 3.00 p.m.

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Mrs. J. E. Williams, in sending in the following helpful poem, says.

"This prayer, which I copied into my Bible thirty years ago, comes back to me daily as a good prayer for such a time as this. I pass it on, thinking it might be a help to someone else as it has been to me."

A Woman's Prayer.

O Lord, who knoweth every need of mine, Help me to bear each cross and not repine, Grant me fresh courage every day; Help me to do my work alway, Without complaint."

O Lord! Thou knowest well how dark the way; Guide Thou my footsteps lest they stray; Give me fresh faith for every hour, Lest I should ever doubt Thy Power, and make complaint. Give me a heart Oh Lord, strong to endure, Help me to keep it simple, pure, Make me unselfish, helpful, true in every act, whate'er I do, and keep content.

Help me to do my Woman's share, Make me courageous, strong to bear sunshine or shadow in my life; Sustain me in the daily life to keep content.—Anna B. Baldwin.

God give her help now.

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Announcements.

An English Communion Service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in the South City at 8 a.m. this coming Sunday, March 6th. Communicants of all branches of the Christian Church are welcomed at the service.

* * * **Rev. H. W. Hewitt,** Home Secretary of the Adventist Mission, who is now visiting China, may be expected to preach on Sunday afternoon in Sage Chapel at half past four. Mr. Hewitt has for most of his ministerial life been a successful home pastor and, as Board Secretary, holds the general confidence of his communion. He will be heard with interest by our Nanking people.

* * * **Despite wars and rumors of wars** Nanking is living a fairly normal life. See notices and News Notes.

Note an important advertisement on last page from the Hsiaku Dramatic Society.

"Are you among the prophets?" A notice below gives a chance to find out.

* * * **The Juniors (C. E.),** for the period that the soup kitchen near the Community Center is in operation, will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reisner.

* * * **A chance for Prophets.**

What will take place in China between March and October, 1927? The Nanking Association will offer a prize to the person who gives the most accurate answer to the above question. Prophecies should be signed and placed in a sealed envelope and sent to Miss Phyllis Gulston (Asiatic Petroleum Co.). These will be opened and read at the first meeting of the Nanking Association in the fall and the most accurate prophecy determined at that time. Are you among the prophets? Send in your prophecy before March 5th.—W. P. R.

Emergency Bulletins.

Owing to the big strike in Shanghai involving postal service, with stoppage of mails to and

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A Way and A Way.

"There is that maketh himself rich yet hath nothing; there is that maketh himself poor yet hath great riches."

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The second mile.

"That part of a man's service that does you the most good is the part which is not written in the contract."

Success.

"The conditions of success are always easy. We have but to toil awhile, endure awhile, believe awhile and never turn back."

"Daily prayers help to lessen daily cares"

A Case of Insomnia.

"Once there was a man who never heard of insomnia until he read about it in the dictionary one day. After that he had a bad case of nervous breakdown, caused by lying awake nights worrying for fear that he might get it and wouldn't be able to sleep any more.

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We all wish Mrs. Meigs many happy returns of the day.

* * * **Miss Lydia P. Dahl,** formerly in Nanking, recently in Shanghai, sailed on Sunday on the President McKinley. Soon after arrival in Seattle she expects to be married to Mr. R. R. Richards who is engaged in Importing and Exporting business in that city. Miss Dahl and her fiancé have the hearty good wishes of her friends in Nanking. If Mr. Richards succeeds as well in all of his imports as in this one he will be "going some."

* * * **T. S. Goodwin, M.D.,** who came out from England 15 months ago, residing in Fukien, has come to Nanking for Language Study. He is staying with Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Lancaster. Dr. Goodwin is a friend and former fellow-student of Dr. Murray Webb-Peploe and expects to work with him in the Hangchow C.M.S. Hospital.

* * * **Miss Lina E. Bradley** writes from Bishopville, S. C. She expresses a view point and a desire shared by more than one absentee: "How I wish that news could travel faster these days of such unrest in China. We watch the daily papers eagerly and when we have read all there is to read, we can't feel satisfied, and just hope things are not as bad as they are reported. . . . The real trouble with me is that I want to be there in the midst of the chaos."

* * * **Miss Nancy Holmes** came from England with Rev. and Mrs. John G. Magee and will make her home with them and also take work in the Language School.

* * * **New Language School** Students, in addition to those mentioned above, are Dr. Mary E. McDaniel, a former student retured from Mary Williamson Hospital, Shanghai, to complete her course; Misses M. Siren and G. Stenback of the Finnish Mission; and Mr. Elden Whipple, Miss Lois Whipple and Mr. Grant Whipple of Changsha are in the Hunan class.

from Shanghai and points beyond, and with interruption of news from the West, Nanking was for one week a largely newsless community. For this reason special effort was made and an Emergency Bulletin issued on Wednesday, 24th.

The news therein was such as came through by wire and wireless, radio or special messenger and was gleaned from the most reliable possible sources. It was a great relief to hear on the night of February 27 of the calling off of the strike, but this was too late for the printing of last week's Bulletin in Shanghai. Therefore with no little extra labor the second Emergency Issue in mimeograph was sent out in place of printed Bulletin last week. This also contained items of news that had not yet reached Nanking by the Shanghai daily papers.

We hope to have the regular printing in Shanghai this week, but should not be surprised at another interruption at any time.

A Record Run Around The City Wall?

Mr. Tulloch of H. M. S. "Emerald" ran completely round the Nanking city wall, with the exception of the closed portion at Lion Hill Fort, in 3 hours and ten minutes, and finished quite fit. Mr. King, of the same ship, did the circuit in 3½ hours. We shall be glad to hear from Nanking residents if any have beaten Mr. Tulloch's time.—R.

Visit of Distinguished Journalist.

Mr. David Fraser from Peking, correspondent for the "London Times" and successor to the late Doctor Morrison, has been staying in the Bridge House for a few days. The "Times" is the most important English newspaper and is considered to reflect official opinion. Mr. Fraser has lived in China for a number of years and is recognized as a keen student of Chinese affairs. His contributions to his home paper immediately anterior to and during the

present crisis have been models of restraint combined with foresighted firmness.—J.

"Developments in Shanghai will probably cause Mr. Fraser to spend his time between Shanghai and Nanking for the present."

A Friendly Ship.

The presence of H.M.S. "Emerald" has added much to the social life of Nanking, the officers and men taking part in various forms of sport, and contributing in no small measure to the entertainment of the community. The "Emerald" is the latest ship of the British Navy, but took 7 years in building. She carries a complement of 600, including 35 officers. The "Emerald" is commanded by Captain H. T. England, R.N. Various parties from the ship have energetically walked completely round the Nanking city wall, and at least two athletes have run the 21 or so miles of this relic of the past. Nanking residents will have to look to their laurels.

—R.

News Notes and Comments.

There was a slight snow on February 21 and another on the 25th. February was winter-like but March came in like a lamb.

* * * Rain or shine, great crowds can be seen every morning going to the soup kitchens for a frugal meal. The poverty thus revealed is a moving spectacle. There are aged and decrepit men and women, the blind and the lame, half clothed children, and always, amid the squalor, glimpses of the unquenchable mother and father love.

* * * There was an earthquake tremor at 6.20 a.m. on February 22nd.

* * * "Surely no group ever enjoyed a party more than the Junior Endeavorers enjoyed their Valentine Party last week under the happy leadership of Miss Carol Davis."

are again back in the former Bantan home in the A. A. M. Compound.

* * * **Prof. G. W. Sarvis** has accepted a position teaching in the Wharton School of Economics connected with the University of Pennsylvania, for the spring semester, and the family is living in Atlantic City.

—B.

* * * **Mr. Rodney Gilbert,** author of a much-discussed book on China, and well-known as a writer on the staff of the "North-China Daily News," was in Nanking on the 17th. He is expected to pass through again shorly on a visit to Peking.

* * * **Mr. David Fraser,** Peking correspondent of the "Times" (London) arrived in Nanking on the 19th, en route to Hankow.

* * * **Mrs. F. E. Meigs** passed her seventy-third milestone on February 17th, and was the recipient of hearty congratulations, good wishes, tokens and letters from many friends.

Mrs. Meigs is one of the veterans who came to Nanking about forty years ago, and she is just now completing her fortieth year.

The others are Dr. W. E. Macklin 41 years, Mrs. Macklin 38, Miss E. C. Shaw 40, Dr. R. C. Beebe, now in Shanghai, 43, Mrs. R. E. Abbey, now in U.S.A., 45, and Miss Sarah Peters, also in U.S., 39.

Mr. Meigs was a pioneer in educational work and specially in union effort, and the Language School Dormitory known as Meigs Hall is appropriately named after him.

Mr. and Mrs. Meigs were noted for their hospitable home open to both Chinese and Westerners, over which she presided as a delightful hostess.

Mrs. Meigs could, if she desired, have a home with her married daughter in America surrounded by every luxury, but, out of affection to Nanking and her Nanking friends, she elects to remain here, living in her friendly house by the side of the road right opposite Sage Chapel.

* * * **Mr. Kierkegaard,** C.P.O., came down to escort Mrs. Kierkegaard back to Hankow. Their leaving Nanking is regretted and Nanking, as a friend writes, loses in her a charming hostess.

* * * **Mr. Lennox Simpson,** who writes under the nom de plume of Putnam Weale spent a short time in Nanking, en route to Shanghai. Mr. Simpson is the author of many books on China, and has an international reputation.

* * * **Dr. Murray Webb-Peploe,** and Dr. Thompson, the superintendent of the C. M. S. Hospital at Hangchow, both left upon the advent of the Nationalists. It is feared that the hospital will be an object of attack. News from Hangchow as late as last Saturday spoke of the safety and quiet of the missionaries left in Hangchow and stated that the Hangchow Christian College is opening, with a small enrollment, also the Girls Union High School.

* * * **Dr. and Mrs. J. D. H. Lamb** are living on the upper flat of the old Beebe house and Miss Holland in the lower part.

* * * **Rev. A. R. Kepler accompanied** Mrs. Kepler to Peking where she is in the P. U. M. C. for treatment. Mr. Kepler has returned.

* * * **Dr. J. E. Williams** is completing his 8th week in the hospital having endured no little distress because of ear trouble. He is improved and hopes to go home the latter part of the week.

* * * **Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Taylor,** A.P.Co., left week before last.

* * * **Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stewart** left for Taiyuan on Friday of last week.

* * * **Mrs. F. R. Millican** of Ningpo is paying a visit in Nanking where her daughter Edith is attending school. She is staying with Dr. and Mrs. Richardson and teaching temporarily at Mingdeh.

* * ***Mrs. P. W. Kuo's** telephone is N. 419.

* * * **Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Spaulding** and family, after a visit to their station at Hochow,

* * * Soldiers have been pouring in from the North. They are paid in military notes of only half face value, and these in turn they present for articles purchased from shops and demand good money in change. The result can be imagined. Facing disaster, the merchants of the city took steps to close their shops to general business and for several days last week there was a general business strike. Some compromise is said to have been reached and the situation is easing somewhat. It is reported that the military notes will be discounted forty per cent and that bills of fractions of a dollar will be issued for circulation which may before long circulate also among the general public. Shop keepers are still wary about launching out upon a sea of paper notes.

* * * "Marshal Chang Chung Chang has moved his official residence from the Naval College to the Tu Chun's Yamen inside the City. He and Marshal Sun went down to Shanghai together Saturday night.

The presence of white Russian infantry and cavalry in small numbers has been noticed on the streets.

* * * As announced in Emergency Bulletin, Dr. W. E. Macklin preached at the English service last Sunday afternoon. Rev. W. J. Drummond presided and it was interesting to see these two Nanking veterans taking the service together. Through force of circumstances Americans usually predominate in the conduct of the service but, as it happened, on Sunday afternoon the ministers were both Canadians and a Britisher, Mr. Wallbridge, was at the piano. The choir rendered a stirring anthem and Miss Wright sang a solo. Dr. Macklin was true to announcement. His sermon showed the fruit of wide reading and much meditation. "The fool both said in his heart, there is no God" was his text and with a master hand he dealt death blows at the mechanical and atheistic theory of the universe.

To a friend he remarked afterward that he had been studying on the subject for 20 years.

Post Office Notes.

The Post Office is not now using the City Railway for any category of mail matter, connection being maintained by two Citroen cars. It is hoped that a more rapid and regular service will in this way be secured.

* * * Owing to train delays on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, the latest times of posting to ensure connections for mails via Siberia being caught are:

Ordinary mail matter Sundays and Thursday 10 p.m.

Registered mail matter Sundays and Thursdays 6 p.m.

Registered mail matter posted on Mondays and Fridays not later than 6 p.m., and ordinary mail matter posted on the same days not later than 10 p.m. may catch the connections, but under present conditions this cannot be depended upon.

In Educational Circles.

Southeastern University is facing peculiar difficulties, economic, and otherwise, growing out of the political situation, and it was thought for awhile that it would be necessary to indefinitely delay opening, but the administration have taken hold courageously and now plan to open on March 4th. About two hundred students are registered so far.

* * * **The Nanking University** enrollment is nearly up to normal with an excellent spirit among the students.

Over 200 students have enrolled for voluntary religious credit courses, and the first voluntary church service was very well attended.

—A. J. B.

* * * **Ginling College** opened for registration on Thursday, February 17, and class work began

on the regular schedule on Friday. The enrollment up to the present time is 129, which is very slightly below normal.

—E. N. P.

* * * **The Language School** now has 87 students, with an attendance during the year of 93.

* * * **Hillcrest** goes the Language School one better, having 88 pupils.

The New Year Meetings.

The China New Year Evangelistic Meetings were conducted without interruption and with crowds in attendance.

The meetings began on February 7th, and lasted seven or eight days.

Each church or chapel had its special meetings, in addition to the union preaching services in the South City Tabernacle.

This was the first opportunity to have the Futsi Miao, or South City, meetings in other than a matshed, and the opportunity was appreciated. The new building, which can hold six to seven hundred, was emptied and filled several times daily, the meetings lasting from 2:30 to 5, or later, each afternoon. While many came and went, the crowds were orderly, and the ushers, also personal workers, were on the job, and about a fourth would stay through the whole time. The preaching was done by selected city pastors and teachers in rotation. It is estimated that fifteen hundred persons heard a message each day, making about 12,000 at the tabernacle for the eight days. During the last half of the meetings over eighty signed as inquirers and these will be followed with a special meeting and will be allocated to the care of churches according to their various districts.

Personals.

Miss Pauline Sage and Miss Margaret Moore of Chicago, who are spending some time in China, are doing some substitute teaching at Ginling during the illness of Miss Minnetts Barber.